

We Present With Appreciation and Congratulations Our Most Recent Financial Statement

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 30, 1944

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
LOANS and DISCOUNTS..... 344,772.68	CAPITAL STOCK—COMMON..... 40,000.00
BONDS and SECURITIES..... 639,978.41	SURPLUS..... 40,000.00
CASH and DUE FROM BANKS..... 243,511.25	UNDIVIDED PROFITS..... 5,609.50
FIXED and RELATED ASSETS..... 9,283.70	DEPOSITS..... 1,145,375.97
OTHER ASSETS..... 1,345.15	RESERVES..... 7,905.72
\$1,238,891.19	\$1,238,891.19

We are most Appreciative of the Faith and Confidence that you have shown in Your Bank, and wish to Congratulate you upon your financial progress, upon which our growth is absolutely dependent.

In April, 1944, we published our first Million Dollar Statement. You will observe from the latest statement that we have grown almost a quarter of a million dollars since that time. Your deposits are at an all time high, well over the Million Dollar mark, to be exact \$1,145,375.97, which is an average of \$126.98 for each man, woman and child in Appomattox County.

Do you have a Deposit here? If not, why not join in with us for that SECOND MILLION. "The first million is always the hardest." We can now say that and really know what it means. It would have been impossible without your cooperation, and we are deeply indebted to you for it.

In these days of vast sums a million dollars is not considered such a very large amount, but let's get down to some facts. Did you know that there has not been a million dollars since the birth of Christ? That, we think, has been a long time ago, and regardless of what some people may think, we are sure that a million dollars is a lot of money.

THE BANK OF APPOMATTOX is now in its FORTY-FOURTH year of service in this community; one hundred and twenty-three (123) times larger than when organized in 1901, and as we look back over the panorama of events along the trail we know that it has been a real journey.

We have seen several depressions come and go; we have witnessed social, political and economic upheavals, which have changed the maps of the world, and the very character of our civilization, but through it all the services of this Bank have gone faithfully on. In this, Our Record, we take pride.

We are truly a Community Bank. Through our doors pass many varied and financial activities of this section. The business man, the farmer, the home owner, the wage earner, all may sometimes need, and should at all times use the services which we provide. It has been a genuine pleasure and privilege to have devoted so many years in such service.

With all these things in mind, we are happy as we start another year of service, that upon this foundation we have built a Bank which we hope will be of increasing usefulness and service to you and this community.

Ten Year Deposit Growth

DEC. 31, 1934	\$250,000.00
DEC. 31, 1935	\$290,000.00
DEC. 31, 1936	\$371,000.00
DEC. 31, 1937	\$394,000.00
DEC. 31, 1938	\$441,000.00
DEC. 31, 1939	\$464,000.00
DEC. 31, 1940	\$516,000.00
DEC. 31, 1941	\$614,000.00
DEC. 31, 1942	\$724,000.00
DEC. 31, 1943	\$886,000.00
DEC. 31, 1944	\$1,145,375.97

An increase in deposits of \$895,000.00

The New Year will be largely what we as individuals wish to make it, and you will always find this Bank cooperative in all of your sound financial undertakings.

A Good Bank - in a Good Town - for Everybody

THE BANK OF APPOMATTOX

APPOMATTOX, VA.

Each Depositor is fully insured up to \$5,000.00

MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Forest View

Forest View, Jan. 3.-Jan. 1945, was certainly unheralded in rough, with wind and rain.

Everything quiet during the holidays, with some visitors.

T. H. Ford had all his children with him Christmas day for dinner, and a few others besides: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ewers and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Laughlin, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pankey, and little son, Kenneth, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Jordan, of Spring Mill, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Torrence, of Norfolk, and Mr. Jason, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin were also present. All had an enjoyable day.

Mrs. Pauline Cooke, of Phoenix, and Mrs. Mary Golladay and children, Sammie D. and Jeanne, of Lynchburg visited their mother, Mrs. N. D. Marshall in the home of A. D. Marshall during the holidays.

W. W. Overton, of Martinsville, also visited in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Odor, of Williamsburg visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hudson had a letter from their son, Landon Hudson Christmas week. He was

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AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND BASE IN INDIA—Western civilization was introduced in India's Assam valley in one week. This feat was accomplished by a squadron of air service command enlisted men. They transformed a dilapidated bamboo house into an enlisted men's recreation club.

It all started after months of living in a monsoon flooded tent city that was bare of recreation and diversion. It was bare of everything except malaria infested mosquitoes and a persistent downpour of rain. To find relief from the monotonous patter of rain on their tents they had to wallow in knee-deep mud.

Recreation Needed.

This service group unit of the air service command was ready and willing to service the huge transports and fighter planes. The men were proud of their training, monitoring, and supervision of the record air freight load sent over the "hump" to China by ATC planes, which evoked high praise from the commander of the C. B. I. (China, Burma, India) air service command.

But just as "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy," all war and no relaxation make GI Joe an inefficient soldier. Between wartime duties, this "infantry of the air" unit wanted a place to gather, a place where they could swap stories about their families and the girls they left behind, and engage in army ball sessions about the trials and tribulations of war in another world. If they could do their talking over cool soft drinks and foaming glasses of beer, so much the better. It might even improve their conversation, they surmised.

A meeting of the squadron was held in the mess hall. A board of directors was appointed.

But there was no money to build the soldiers' recreation club.

They had to improvise.

Troops Work at Night.

With a fervor that left the natives breathless with its pace, this service group unit gave a demonstration of American teamwork. An initiative that was only equalled by the finished product. Drums and salvaged metal for the bar, odds and ends of lumber, half cans of paint and old door lock hasps.

After finishing their regular duty time duties at the air base they gathered at the club to contribute whatever labor was needed.

The interior decorating was placed in the capable hands of a former architect. An elaborate aluminum top bar was conceived. Staff Sgt. George J. Frank, Chicago, produced several murals sharing both a local setting and a common theme of the city the army had left behind.

The problem of indirect lighting was solved by Pvt. Lawrence E. Larson of Esterline, Iowa, an electrician who draped large coils of the subbed incandescence known as "atmosphere."

Gave Their Four Sons, Fifth Is to Come Home

WASHINGTON.—Lieut. Gen. A. Vandegrift, marine corps commander, headed the plea of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brostrom of Tremonton, Utah, who have lost four sons in this war, that he permit their fifth son in service to return and help run their farm.

A navy spokesman said that Vandegrift, by special order, has been discharged Marine Pfc. B. Borgstrom, now at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Three of the Borgstrom sons were killed in action and a fourth is missing in action in France. Another son, 15, is at home.

Million Maps Attest to

German Invasion Plans
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.—Evidence that Germany was still preparing to invade Britain as late as last year is contained in the discovery in a Brussels garage of a million maps of England, Wales and Ireland.

The maps were originally printed in 1940 and 1941, but many had been brought up to date and bore the printer's mark 1943.

Intricate German markings disclose keys to railway crossings, electric plants, industrial centers, and military objectives of all kinds. Many maps of English cities had been "improved" and corrected by German reconnaissance.

Plane Flies Atlantic in 10 Hours and 13 Minutes

MONTREAL, QUE.—A trans-Atlantic record of 10 hours and 13 minutes—one hour and one minute less than the previous one set last January—was chalked up by a Trans-Canada Air Lines Lancaster flying nonstop from here to Britain. It was announced recently. There were no passengers aboard but the aircraft was carrying 6,000 pounds of mail and 2,000 pounds of priority freight.

'Black Widow' Called Mighty Night Fighter

LOS ANGELES.—Northrop Aircraft corporation disclosed that its P-61 Black Widow night fighter carries four .50-caliber machine guns in a revolving turret besides 20-mm. cannon. This gives it greater fire power than any other fighter in the world. Not one has been shot down in combat.

U. S. armor closing gap on Nazi supply lines.

GET SEED, FERTILIZER ON HAND IMMEDIATELY

Blackburg, Jan. 10.—Nineteen forty-five promises to be another year when the early bird will get the worm—the early bird being the wise farmer who orders both seed and fertilizer early.

Fertilizers, as you know, are expected to be in short supply this year than in 1944. The supply of alfalfa seed is short and although other seed supplies may be sufficient to meet needs, it's smart to get hold of seed immediately and have it on hand for the planting season.

SELLERS OF SUGAR

All wholesalers and retailers of sugar must turn in to their local war price and rationing boards their record 50 per cent temporary increase by January 25, OPA has announced.

Applications of 1944's inventory are needed after temporary increase is repaid, application must be filed with local board before February 15.

Not until inventories of sugar of December 31 are to be filed of seed by all who possess a change of four units at once.



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BE WONDERFUL, wouldn't it? Sizzle . . . sniff . . . m-m-m-m . . . a-a-a-h!

"But," you say, "steaks are scarce and expensive. Steaks are rationed. Steaks have gone to war."

That's right—and there are good reasons why.

But one of these days steaks will be back, and you can realize your dream of a sizzling steak at the flick of a switch . . . for in those happy postwar days, more and more people will avail themselves of the advantages

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



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Yes, Fred, when the record is finally written we'll realize that a gigantic operation this war really was and how important to final victory many factors really were.

Take, for example, just one industry. Few people realize the importance of the great work done by the beverage distillers during the war. A high government official

called it "an almost unparalleled example of the overnight conversion of an entire industry from peace to war." He also said not so many months ago, while speaking about synthetic rubber, "It is fair to regard the rubber manufactured to date as being almost solely the product of the beverage distilling industry." That's the type of thing I have in mind . . . the way great American industries at home cooperated to help our brave fighting men abroad."

I see what you mean, Judge . . . a complete history of American teamwork."

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